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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Manish Sharma)
Serial No.: 10/797,158) Art Unit
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For: FIBER OPTIC CONNECTOR BRACKET)
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AMENDMENT "A"

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 27, 2004 (paper no. 20040920, hereinafter referred to as "the Office Action"), the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance for the above-identified application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-22 remain pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-16, 18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,178,140 to *Kuhn et al.* ("Khun"). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.